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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER

PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2007, now due to expire July 19, 2007, be extended for one month(s) and set to expire on August 19, 2007.

Please charge the extension fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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